

# Water Shortage Planning Update

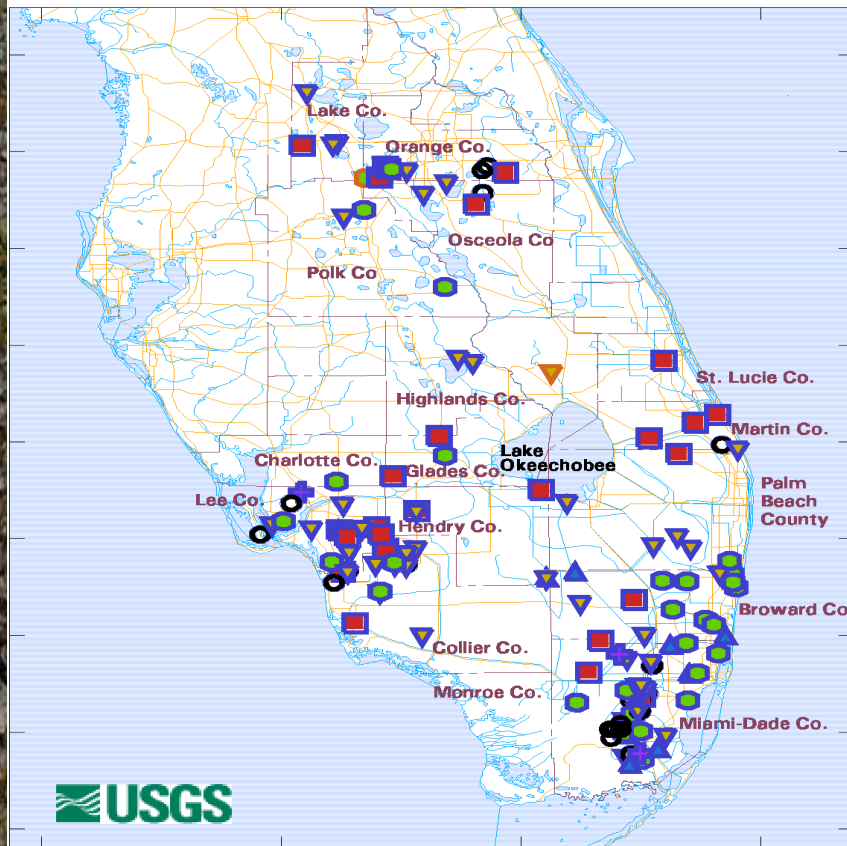


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# Groundwater Levels

Nov. 30, 2010

Jan. 5, 2011



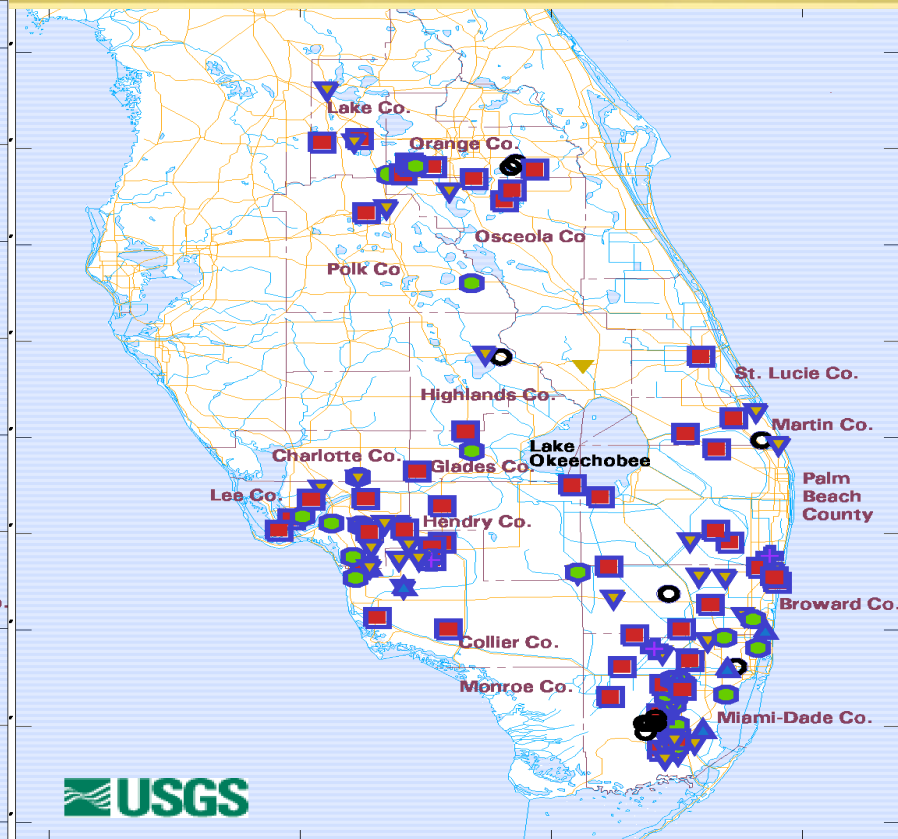
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**Water levels at selected sites in South Florida,  
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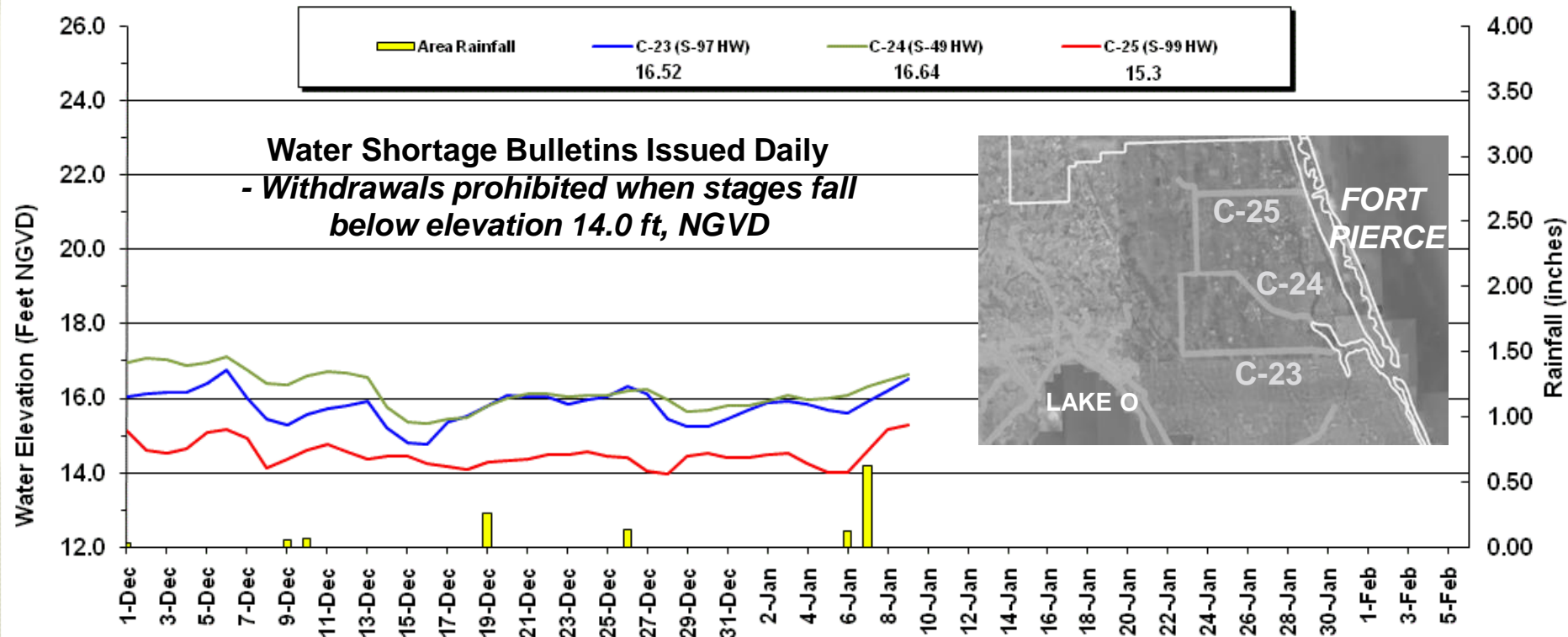
Water level compared to historical data, after long-term trends are removed:

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# St. Lucie County Canals

Published: 01/09/11 St Lucie Structures on C23, C24 & C25 Canals







# What's Ahead for Water Supply?

Below normal rainfall predicted due to strong La Niña

Extremely dry tributary conditions and net inflow forecasts for Lake Okeechobee

Increased likelihood that Lake Okeechobee stage will decline to the Water Shortage Management Band in February 2011

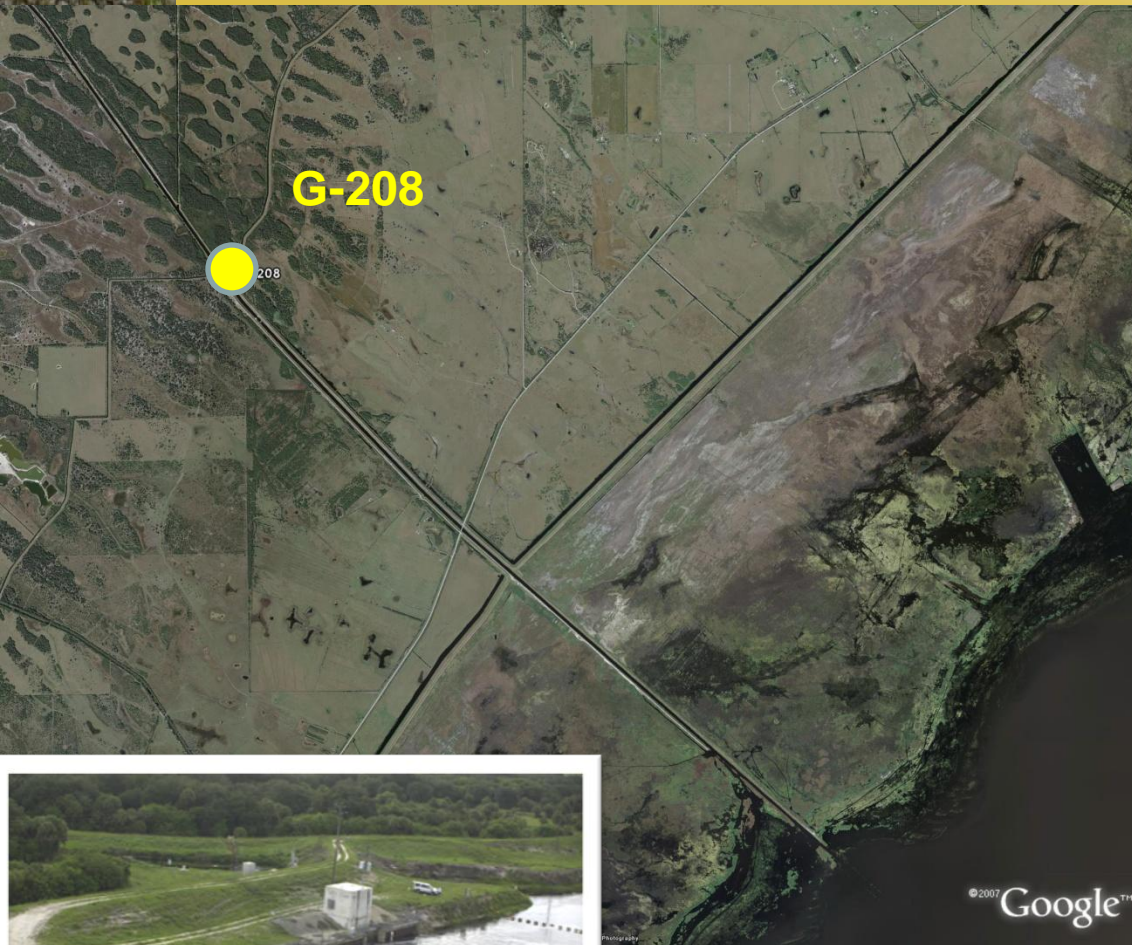
**SFWMD Water Supply Risk Evaluation (Jan 4, 2010)**

Area	Indicator	Value	Color Coded Scoring Scheme
LOK	Projected LOK Stage for the next two months	Beneficial Use Sub-Band	H
	Palmer Index for LOK Tributary Conditions	-2.11 (Extremely Dry)	H
	CPC Precipitation Outlook	1 month: Below Normal 3 months: Below Normal	H
	LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast AMO warm/ENSO La Niña	-0.04 ft (Extremely Dry)	H
	LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast AMO warm/ENSO La Niña	1.90 ft (Normal)	M
WCAs	WCA 1: 3 Station Average (3 Station 1-7, 1-8T, and 1-9 Average )	Above Line 1 (16.28 ft)	L
	WCA 2A: Site 2-17	Above Line 1 (11.99 ft)	L
	WCA-3A: 3 Station Average (3 Station 63, 64, and 65 )	Above Line1 (9.55 ft)	L
LEC	Service Area 1	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 2	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 3	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	M

# Water Shortage Warnings

- **Remain in effect for Indian Prairie Basins, Lake Istokpoga, and Lake Okeechobee Basins**
  - **Call for voluntary water conservation**
  - **Increased communication with water users, local government & public**
- **Lake Okeechobee: 0.36 feet above WSM Trigger Line (1/11/11)**

# Northern Indian Prairie Basin, Southern Indian Prairie & Lakeshore Perimeter



**Pumping from Lake Okeechobee (G-207 and G-208) continues to meet demands of the Seminole Tribe Brighton Reservation and Southern Indian Prairie Basin**





# Preparation Activities: Emergency Operations Center

- Water Conditions Team
- Navigation
- Agriculture
- Nurseries
- Documentation
- STAs
- Ecological
- Environmental Enhancement
- Diversion & Impoundments
- Enforcement & Compliance
- Golf Course Compliance
- Regulatory & Permitting
- Variances
- Infrastructure (Temporary Forward Pumps)
- Modeling Support & Analysis
- Water Supply Utilities
- Purchasing
- Finance
- Liaison
- Legal
- Citizen's Information Line
- Media

# Preparation Activities: Temporary Forward Pumps

- Engineering activities complete
- 1,400 cfs capacity



- Contractor awaiting notification from SFWMD
- Coordinate installation with growers





# Preparation Activities: Stormwater Treatment Areas

- **Goal – Maintain functionality by maintaining dry season target water levels**
- **Water deliveries made to STAs 1-E, 1-W, and 2**
- **Anticipate water deliveries to STA 3 and 4 in near future**
- **Considering hydraulic constraints as lake level declines**

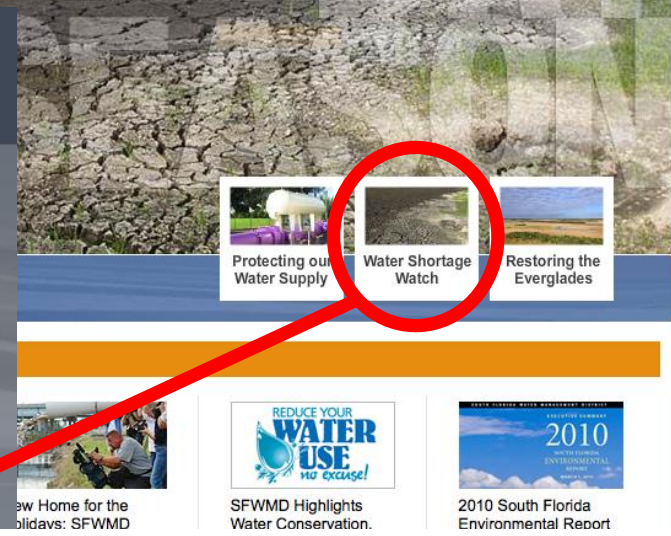
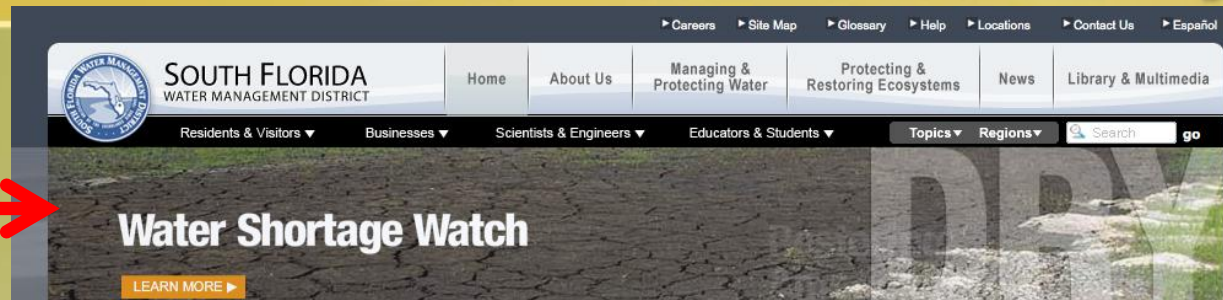
# **Preparation Activities: Communication & Outreach Activities**

- **Media Advisories**
- **Everglades Protection District (Belle Glade) – January 14, 2011**
- **Joint PBC and Broward Water Resources Task Force – January 28, 2011**
- **Presentations to City & County Commissions - Service Center Directors**



# Water Shortage Communication

[sfwmd.gov](http://sfwmd.gov)



## RELATED LINKS

- ▶ NOW in EFFECT: Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures
- ▶ Agriculture - Water Conservation
- ▶ Ways You Can Save Water
- ▶ County and City Enforcement Contacts [PDF]
- ▶ Current Weather and Water Conditions
- ▶ Rainfall Maps



Did you know rainfall is our region's primary source for replenishing our limited freshwater supply? Because 2010 rainfall amounts were far below average, ground (wellfields and aquifers) and surface (lakes, rivers and canals) water levels are low. Long-term weather forecasts for 2011 envision continuing below-average rainfall leading to great strains on water supplies. With at least five months of the dry season still ahead, water conservation is increasingly critical.

Currently throughout the region, year-round landscape irrigation limits are in effect to better conserve South Florida's water resources. [more »](#)

By conserving the water you use on your landscape and in your home or business now, you can help stave off mandatory or more severe water restrictions later.

## Water Shortage Watch

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## Upcoming Events

- ▶ Regulatory Peer Review Forum
- ▶ Rain Barrel Workshops - by Miami-Dade County Cooperative Extension Service
- ▶ Monthly Regulatory Meetings

## Quick Links to Information:

- Rainfall maps
- Water conditions
- Conservation
- Water restrictions
- News releases



# Preparation Activities: Upcoming Restrictions

- **Lake Okeechobee Service Area – authorized Executive Director to issue order when Lake level enters WSM band**
- **Landscape Irrigation**
  - **3 days per week – Equivalent to Phase I of existing rules**
  - **2 days per week – Equivalent to Phase II of existing rules**